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## Stop the presses!

Stopping the presses is  
precisely what the City Update  
has had to do, since funding for  
its printing has dried up.

But that does not mean the  
City employees newsletter is  
stopping publication. We're just  
not printing paper copies until we  
can afford to go to print again.

Most employees receive e-  
mail notice of the latest City  
Update. But there many employ-  
ees, perhaps several hundred,  
who don't have computer access.  
They will be without a newsletter  
unless co-workers help them out.

Co-workers can help by  
printing extra copies and setting  
them out in an area where  
employees without computers  
are likely to see them.

Public Works, Parks, and  
Regional Water Services laborers  
and drivers especially may need  
a printout of the newsletter to  
keep informed.

If you can print back-to-back,  
please do so to save paper. If you  
have trouble with printing,  
please contact City Information  
Services at 651-266-6767 or  
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## Association honors Saint Paul libraries' public awareness efforts

Saint Paul Public Library and The  
Friends of the Saint Paul Public  
Library are winners of the American  
Library Association's most presti-  
gious public relations honor, the John  
Cotton Dana Award.

This award recognizes  
outstanding achievement in  
library public relations. It  
has been awarded  
continuously since  
1946. Its namesake,  
John Cotton Dana,  
was one of the key  
innovators in the early  
20th century movement to  
move libraries toward a philosophy  
in which serving the needs of com-  
mon citizens was the top priority.

The Saint Paul award, one of nine  
given out in 2003 to libraries across  
North America, honors the Library

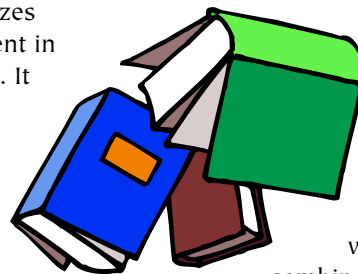
and The Friends for the multi-faceted  
public awareness campaign celebrat-  
ing the reopening of its historic  
Central Library.

The campaign raised visibility for  
Central Library and, as a result,

for the entire Saint  
Paul Public Library  
system.

"The Friends  
organization is ex-  
tremely pleased to be  
sharing the 2003 Award  
with the Library for our  
combined work on the public  
relations campaign for the reopening  
of Central Library," said Peter  
Pearson, President of the Saint Paul  
Public Library. "The joint publicity  
efforts significantly raised awareness  
and use of the Saint Paul Public

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## Annual Karl Neid Award nominations begin

The process of seeking nominations for the 2003 recipient of the Karl Neid Community Involvement Award is now underway. This year's recipient will be the eleventh City employee to receive this prestigious award.

You may not know who Karl Neid was. Karl Neid was a lifelong Saint Paul resident who grew up in a politically-active East Side family. He spent countless hours working on other people's political campaigns and was elected to the St. Paul City

Council in November, 1991. He began representing his beloved East Side in January, 1992, but sadly served only a short time. On May 8, 1992, Karl experienced a heart attack and passed away. The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported, "He was a virtual one-man volunteer organization on the East Side, working on the City's Planning Commission, Merrick Community Services, and various East Side housing and crime watch programs."

Each Christmas, Karl and his wife,

Joänne Tromiczak-Neid, enjoyed playing Santa and Mrs. Claus at nursing homes, schools and for their friends' children. Karl was a modest man who never sought credit for all his accomplishments.

In 1993, the Karl Neid Community Involvement Award was established to honor this exceptional individual. The award annually recognizes a City employee who has a record of outstanding public service and who has made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in the community. Preference will be given to employees whose involvement directly benefits a community within the city of St. Paul.

Nominations may be submitted by City employees, citizens or bargaining units. Individuals who have been nominated in previous years may be nominated again; however, past nominations are not kept on file.

A selection committee composed of Bargaining Unit Representatives will screen the nominations and make a final recommendation to Mayor Kelly. The Mayor does not participate in the selection process.

The recipient will be recognized at an award ceremony in May. Please take the time to nominate a City employee, co-worker, and friend who exemplifies the qualities Karl Neid demonstrated.

The nomination form and list of past recipients is available from Darlyne Morrow at 651-266-8525, or at [darlyne.morrow@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:darlyne.morrow@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## How to tell if a COUGH is dangerous

It's that time of year when colds and flu are common. How do you tell whether your cough is serious enough to call a doctor? Here are some guidelines from the American Academy of Family Physicians: Call if:

- you cough up phlegm that is green, yellow, a rusty color, or shows blood;
- your cough lasts longer than two weeks;
- you experience shortness of breath or wheezing;
- you have chest pain when you breathe or cough;
- you have lost weight unexpectedly;
- you have night fevers;
- you have a regular nighttime cough.

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Library and culminated in an innovative and highly successful public/private partnership."

"The best message we received during this campaign is that the people of Saint Paul truly love their library system. When we ask people to get involved, doors open across the community," said Saint Paul Public Library Director Gina LaForce.

"Central Library is not just a building to our residents. It represents our city's love of learning and literature, as well as pride in our history and our optimism for the future," LaForce said.

The John Cotton Dana award will be presented to the two groups at the combined American and Canadian Library Association Conference, held June 19-25 in Toronto, Canada.



## City job openings as of February 21st, 2003

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Civil Engineer III	\$1,971.86 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
03/03/03	Conservatory Attendant (permanent/part-time)	\$9.99 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
02/18/03	IS Systems Consultant IV	\$2,307.33 bi-weekly	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after February 13th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.

On January 16th, 2003, Mayor Randy Kelly announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul until further notice. This applies to all positions within the City, but excludes the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and RiverCentre. Certain positions may be determined exempt from the hiring freeze; please continue to check our jobline and website to see if there are any new postings in which you might be interested.